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TAGS: PFOR, CGEN, BU

SUBJECT: POPOV VISIT AND CONSULAR CONVENTION

REF: SOFIA'S 284

1. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, WE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST RAISING PROPOSED POPOV VISIT WITH BULGARIANS AT PRESENT TIME. IF THEY BROACH SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT FURTHER EXPLORATION OF CONTENT AND TIMING OF VISIT SHOULD AWAIT ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR HERZ.

2. RE PARAS 4 AND 5, IT IS MORE COMMON PRACTICE TO HAVE CONSULAR CONVENTIONS SIGNED IN SAME CAPITAL THEY WERE NEGOTIATED. THERE WOULD THUS BE NO BREACH OF TRADITION IN SIGNING CONVENTION IN SOFIA. SINCE POPOV RELUCTANT TO SIGN CONVENTION DURING PROPOSED VISIT HERE AND SINCE, IN ANY CASE, VISIT PROBABLY WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN NEAR FUTURE, WE THINK SIGNING BY AMBASSADOR HERZ MIGHT BE BEST SOLUTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBLY ARRANGING THIS TO COINCIDE WITH SECRETARY DENT

TRIP IF THA TAKES PLACE. UNLESS YOU HAVE OBJECTIONS,
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR NOTING TO APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL
THAT, IN OUR VIEW, SOFIA SIGNING WOULD BE IN LINE WITH
TRADITION AND SUGGESTING SIGNING BY AMBASSADOR HERZ AND
POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF SECRETARY DENT.

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3. RE FISHERIES AGREEMENT, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOW TO PRE-
DICT HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO NEGOTIATE. WE ARE, IN ANY
CASE, PREPARING DRAFT TEXT WHICH COULD BE PRESENTED TO
BULGARIANS IN CONNECTION WITH, OR IRRESPECTIVE OF,
FUTURE POPOV VISIT. KISSINGER

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